

## ABSTRACT

In one embodiment, a software application is downloaded to a client computer by  
5 detecting a setting and, based on the setting, determining if a user will be alerted prior to  
the download. If the user will not be alerted prior to the download, the software  
application is not downloaded to the client computer without a specific authorization  
from the user. The user may specifically authorize the download by responding to a non-  
browser message such as a dialog box, for example. In one embodiment, the setting  
10 comprises a security setting of a web browser, and the download involves downloading  
the software application in chunks to the client computer over the Internet.